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## HUGE BUILDING PROGRAM IN MAKING

### C-C M. O. Will Drill Test Well South of Redondo Boulevard

#### PERMIT IS OUT FOR DERRICK

Well Is Spotted Just North of Ball Park Near Highway

#### THOUGHT OFF STRUCTURE

Location to Be Given Final Test by Santa Fe Operator

The Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Company will drill a test well just south of Redondo boulevard and east of Maple Avenue. It became known yesterday when the company took out a permit for the construction of a derrick on Lot 3, Tract 7873.

#### Merchants to Play L. A. Nine Sunday

The Torrance Merchants will meet the Wood-Jackson Arms Preps of Los Angeles in a ball game at the high school grounds Sunday afternoon at 2:15.

#### Kite Fliers Are Given Warning

Field men of the Southern California Edison Company today issued a warning to boys who fly kites in Torrance. The company men said that it is dangerous to fly kites where strings might become entangled with wires, particularly when the kites use wire instead of twine.

#### Dope Fiend Loots Physicians' Cars

Thieves last week stole the automobiles of Dr. J. S. Lancaster and Dr. George P. Shidler. The physicians believe that the theft was committed by someone in search of narcotics. One of the cases taken from Dr. Lancaster's car was found in a vacant lot in San Pedro, where the thief had thrown it after ramming it for "dope."

#### Three Candidates Get Second Degree

The senior wardens of the Masonic lodges of this district conferred the second degree on three candidates at the meeting of Torrance Masonic lodge Wednesday evening.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
Many a close friend has come from Scotland

#### Observations

Zoning Laws Upheld—Youthful Optimism—A Hearty Handshaker—Lewis' New Book—Protection Upheld—The Era of Super-Power

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE United States Supreme Court has upheld the right of a city to zone property. A Minneapolis property owner contended that all zoning ordinances were unconstitutional. The highest court ruled against the plaintiff. As zoning ordinances gain weight from precedent and decisions of high courts they will become more and more effective and probably will widen in scope. Many prominent city planners predict that some day municipalities will zone against architectural ugliness.

Building codes in all cities guard the people against insanitation. Some day they probably will guarantee beauty.

HARVARD students have formed a society for the protection of men's rights. These young gentlemen declare that women are altering tradition by usurping rights enjoyed by men through the ages. They hope to change all this and bring back the good old days. Youth owns sublime optimism. When these lads graduate and marry they will discover that— Well, they will discover something.

OSCAR GUNWALDSEN comes from North Dakota, where big men with huge paws shake hands amiably. Oscar, in Washington, met President Coolidge. They shook hands. The President's wrist was sprained.

ALL revolutions are horrible. The reign of terror in Shanghai, now occupied by the Canton Nationalists, is not unlike the bloody days of the French Revolution.

Little of immediate reform will grow out of the present Chinese turmoil. Death works slowly. But he who declares that the present turmoil will bring no good results knows nothing of history. The Giant of the East may not be awakening. But he is at least turning in his sleep.

Our grandchildren will know more about China than we do.

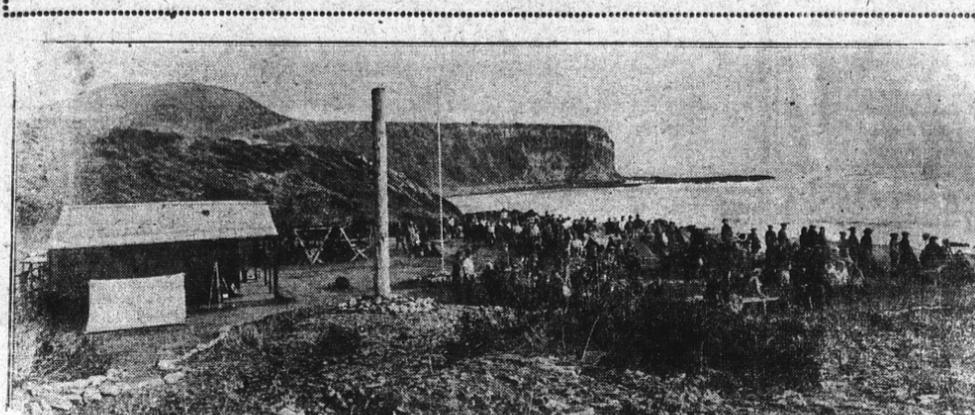
THE constitutionality of the flexible provisions of the tariff law, whereby the President may raise or lower import duties 50 percent, has been upheld by a unanimous opinion of the United States Court of Customs Appeal. The court held that delegation of such authority to the President was a valid exercise of the constitutional grant of power to Congress to regulate commerce.

COLOSSAL machines of the super-power turbine class, linked up with miles of cables, pipes, tunnels, and steel rails, are to revolutionize the meat packing, steel, and other great industries during the next few decades.

A NEW method of finishing the surface of a paved highway with stone screenings has been devised to prevent skidding. One of the first projects of this kind is 7.8 miles of highway leading out of Modesto, in Southern California.

BUSINESS LICENSE Ordinance Passed

#### FINE OCEANSIDE CAMP SHARED BY TORRANCE SCOUTS



Here's where Torrance Boy Scouts enjoy their week-end outings. Troop No. 4 leaves for Camp Saturday.

Torrance Boy Scouts share with other Scouts of the district the right to enjoy outings at Portuense Harbor, where facilities for excellent training and fun are available.

The camp is located on the ocean front between San Pedro and Torrance Beach.

Torrance Scouts will conduct their March rally on Friday evening of this week in the auditorium of the Torrance Elementary School.

tool or instrument being used. In addition to the major contests, badges and awards will be presented and games played, after which Troop No. 1 will entertain the Scouts present at the rally with a "free" at the Scout building.

#### City Is Honored In Nation-Wide Fire Dept. Test

Torrance One of Three State Cities to Get Honorable Mention

Torrance was one of three California cities honored in the recent nation-wide contest put on by the fire waste council of the United States Chamber of Commerce, according to word received here by Ben Hanenbrink, fire chief.

Seven hundred cities were entered in the contest. Torrance, Fullerton, and Oceanside were the only California cities to receive honorable mention.

Awards were made on a basis of accomplishments in reducing fire losses last year, on educational activities of fire departments, and on permanent improvements for protection and in construction.

Mrs. C. E. Roberts of Wilmington, formerly of Lomita, visited at the home of Mrs. James H. Milburn Tuesday.

#### Torrance Development Company Takes Over Neill Realty, Co. For Land, Insurance Business

Announcement was made today by George W. Neill that the business of the Neill Realty Company has been acquired by the Torrance Development Company, a corporation with authorized capital of \$250,000.

#### Evangelist To Hold Meetings Here For Week

George Tinsley of Fullerton to Speak at Christian Church

George Tinsley, Fullerton pastor-evangelist, will conduct evangelistic meetings at the Christian Church, Engracia and Arlington avenues, here each evening next week starting Sunday night.

In announcing the series Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter said: "The simple gospel of Christ will be presented by Mr. Tinsley in its most attractive and interesting form."

Mr. Tinsley is a young man of brilliant mind, consecrated spirit, and pleasing personality. I especially urge persons to hear his first sermon Sunday night, for I am sure that if they do they will attend all the services during the week."

Everything in building materials Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

#### Direct Telephone Service For All Torrance Is Aim in Drive

Direct-telephone service for all within the Torrance city limits be connected with the Torrance telephone exchange. This would include all newly annexed territory.



#### The LEADING LADY

ONE of the morning trains that tap the little towns along the sound ran into the Grand Central depot. The passengers, few in number—for it was midsummer, and people were going out of town, not coming in—fled stragglingly on the long platform to the exit.

People watched her, noting the grace of her movements, her delicate slowness, the froth of blonde hair that curled up under the brim of her hat. She appeared oblivious to the interest she aroused, and this indifference had once been natural, for to be looked at and admired had been her normal right and become, a stale experience. Now it was assumed, an armor under which she sought protection, hid herself from morbid curiosity and eagerly observing eyes.

The Dallas-Parkinson case had been a sensation three months back. James Dallas, a well known actor, had killed Homer Parkinson during a quarrel in a men's club, and fled before the horrified on-lookers could collect their senses. Dallas, a man of excellent character, had had many friends who claimed mitigating circumstances—Parkinson drunk and brutal, had provoked the assault. But the Parkinson clan, new-rich old people, breathing vengeance, had risen to the cause of their kinsman, poured out their money in an effort to bring the fugitive to justice, and offered a reward of ten thousand dollars for his arrest. Of course Sybil Saunders had figured in the investigation; she was the betrothed of the murderer. Her marriage had been at hand. She had gone through hours of questioning, relentless grillings, and had steadily maintained her ignorance of Dallas' whereabouts; from the night of his disappearance she had

#### DWELLING DEMAND SHARP

Big Companies Prepare to Erect Scores of Houses Here

#### 60-ACRE DEAL PENDING

Builders With Completed Homes Find Ready Buyers at Hand

Negotiations were under way this week for the greatest campaign of home-building in the history of Torrance.

If transactions now in the making materialize Torrance will be guaranteed the construction of at least 300 homes this spring and summer.

Attracted to Torrance by the advertising and direct mail campaign launched by the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to solve the acute housing problem, builders from a score of cities have purchased property here or are negotiating for land. Aggregate construction now being planned would total about 300 houses.

While this number is regarded as insufficient to care for the demand next summer, new dwellings would do much toward solving the housing problem.

One large Los Angeles concern is about ready to close negotiations for the purchase of 60 acres and to start a building program at once, erecting 200 homes, 25 at a time.

Near Closing Point

Two other large companies are near the point of announcing building campaigns, and scores of individuals have purchased residence lots and will build houses to rent and sell.

The rush of builders to Torrance does not mean that the city will be overbuilt. For industries now expanding are giving builders complete co-operation and stand ready to encourage their employees to live in Torrance and to start active campaigns to that end.

Careful surveys by the Chamber of Commerce establish that at least 750 houses will be demanded in Torrance during the next few months, and hundreds more later.

#### March Building Permits Go By \$100,000 Record

Dwelling-a-Day Average Is Maintained in Torrance, Records Show

Building in Torrance for the month of March went over the \$100,000 mark this week. The average of a dwelling a day for the month was maintained during the week.